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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) Facsimile coversheet
- 2) Transmittal
- 3) Attachment A: Copy of the stamped receipt indication postcard that accompanied formal drawings submitted on November 19, 2001.
  - 4) Attachment B: Courtesy copy of submission of formal drawings.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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